

MANY MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE

National Union Of Students Met At
McGill During Holidays

PLANS DRAWN UP

Many Benefits to be Derived
From Such a
Union

During the recent visit of the Imperial Debating Team, Mr. R. Nunn May, a member of the team and past president of the National Union of Students of England and Wales, suggested the formation of a similar organization in Canada. This suggestion was favorably received by the different colleges and as a result a conference was held at the McGill Union on December 27, 28, 29, and 30, to inaugurate a National Union of Students in Canada. Almost every University in Canada was represented at this conference.

The main object of this Union is to bring a better understanding and a closer relation between the Canadian colleges, according to R. G. M. Gammel, representing McGill at the Conference. This need is especially felt in the West where the colleges are practically isolated from the other Canadian universities. As a result they are forced to carry on all their intercollegiate activities with American colleges. In the east there is the Inter-collegiate Union but there is no such union in the West. This National Union aims to remedy these and to create a better national feeling.

M. A. McKenzie, Professor of International Law at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, addressed the opening meeting. He explained that system of the National Union of Students in England and of the "Confederation Internationale des Etudiants" of Europe with which the National Union of Students is affiliated. The evening session was spent in discussing Professor McKenzie's speech.

On the following day the conference was divided into committees to investigate different problems. These committees included one for Scope, one for Finance, one for Organization, and one considered International Relations. Each committee submitted a report at the final session. These reports were criticised and amended and were sent to all the universities to be considered and sanctioned by the student councils. This Union will not be formed unless at least ten colleges enter it. A draft constitution of the proposed Federation was drawn up and was approved by the delegates.

L. I. Greene, Bishop's University, was appointed president pro tem; M. Le Sage, University of Montreal, vice-president; and Mr. Davis, University of Alberta, Edmonton, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Wilson of the University of Alberta was chairman of the conference while Mr. Kerry of the University of Toronto acted as secretary.

The following universities were represented at the conference:—University of British Columbia, University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan, University of Western Ontario, Ontario Agricultural College, McMaster University, University of Toronto, Queen's University, University of Montreal, University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Acadia University, Dalhousie University was not represented although Mr. McKenzie, a graduate of Dalhousie, attended some of the meetings and was the official representative of the C.I.E. McGill was represented by Robert B. Bannell.

No date has yet been fixed by the Students' Council of McGill for a meeting to consider whether the student body of McGill will ratify the recommendations of the conference. It is expected that such a meeting will be held soon.

DENTAL CLINIC TO HEAR DR. WALSH

Dr. A. L. Walsh, Director of the Dental Clinic, Montreal General Hospital, will address the above society on "Oral Surgery and Sterilization", concluding with a practical demonstration, Monday, January 10th, 1927, at 8.30 p.m. at the Montreal General Hospital Dental Clinic, Dorchester St. East (Main entrance). All Dental Assistants are cordially invited to attend.

PHYSICS GRAD. LECTURE

Mr. C. T. Lane was the lecturer at the tenth special graduate lecture of this session, yesterday afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Physics Building. His subject was "The Magnetic Properties

Students Rush For Directories Unprecedented

An unforeseen rush after Student Directories has so reduced the number still obtainable that it is expected that they will be entirely distributed by the end of this morning. Another reason for the unusual rush is due to the fact that since a limited number have been printed the supply was not very big.

Bill Gentleman of the Arts Building, reports that out of the entire number about 600 have already been distributed, but a few are still obtainable and the first comers will get them. Every student who receives a directory must sign his name on a ledger which Bill has provided for the purpose to insure that one and only one goes to each student.

R.V.C. students may obtain their directories from the porter.

McGILL TEAM HAD SUCCESSFUL TOUR

McGill Hockey Sextette Won
Both Games

DEFEATED HARVARD Trimmed Yale 4-1—Toronto Failed Twice to Beat Crimson—Bazin Starred

The annual Christmas trip of the McGill senior hockey sextette to the United States was an extremely successful one this year. While the red and white only played two games with American college teams during the holidays, a much lighter schedule than that of previous years, they won both of them. In the first game at Boston they fought a hard battle with the crimson of Harvard, finally succeeding in outpointing their American rivals by 4 goals to 3 after ten minutes overtime. On the following evening the red and white trounced the Yale six 4 to 1 although they were trailing 3 to 0 with the better part of the second period over.

The record of the McGill team is all the more encouraging when one takes into account the results of the University of Toronto invasion. The Varsity outfit won two, lost one and drew one game. Although the U. of T. played two more games than the red and white sextette they lost the most important of their contests. Harvard whom McGill beat 4 to 3 turned the tables on the blue and white sextette and won by the same score. In a second encounter the two teams played a 1-1 draw. No overtime was permitted as the blue had to catch a train for home. Boston College and Princeton succumbed before the Varsity stalwarts. The win over the Princeton Tigers, however, cannot be considered of much importance as the above said and aforementioned Tigers were decisively trimmed by Laval of Quebec, an admittedly second class team.

The Queen's sextette finding themselves short of funds and possibly of players did not attempt a holiday tour this year.

The red and white victories came on successive nights after continuous travelling which reflects credit on the condition of Coach Frank Shaughnessy's proteges. Toronto's games on the other hand were all played with intervening rest periods.

Perhaps the most important change made on the McGill line-up was the appearance of "Bruds" Bazin, of senior rugby fame, in the nets for the first time in place of Lyle Lalshley, who was relegated to the substitute bench. Bazin acquitted himself well and it was largely due to his excellent work between the posts that the red and white made the showing they did. The other members of Captain St. Germain's team all gave their best and nearly every regular was able to score against the Americans. The tour also marked the first appearance of Georges Trainor, centre of last year's junior squad, on the senior sub list.

Varsity seem to be having as much trouble finding a good goalie this year as McGill and this was apparently the main weakness of the blue and white on the holiday tour. On almost every occasion they were superior to their rivals on the actual play only to be beaten on account of mediocre net minding.

McGill will enter the United States again on January 29 when they play Princeton at the Madison Square Garden, New York, in an exhibition encounter.

ties of the Alkali Metals." These lectures are sponsored by the Department of Physics and are open to all those who are interested in Physics.

ADDITIONS TO ARTS BUILDING IN HOLIDAYS

Hardwood Floors Laid Down And Walls
Tinted

NEAR COMPLETION

A New Projection Lantern
Installed In Moyses
Theatre

The rooms of the Arts building were by no means unoccupied during the Xmas holidays: 150 workmen—carpenters, painters and labourers—were busy laying hardwood floors, varnishing them and tinting the walls, adding new fixtures and making adjustments to those already installed. The painters were the last to leave, they kept at their work until four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. This, then, is the reason for the vanished odour that greeted the students Wednesday morning upon entrance to their lecture rooms. Some additions and alterations were made in the Moyses theatre, notably to the projection machinery.

Hardwood floors have now been laid in all the class rooms. Fully three quarters of the wall surface has been tinted—this work will be completed during the coming summer holidays. The marble floors in the entrance were ground down and finished to produce a smooth and even flooring.

The Moyses theatre came in for its share of attention: the two columns, on either side of the stage, were worked over with abrasive material to give them a smooth appearance. Mechanisms installed a new projection lantern, considered to be one of the best of its type in Canada, and enlarged the slits in the projection room front. A new screen has been added and will do service at the next illustrated lecture.

Every desk had now been firmly screwed down to the floors. The easily amused students will now no longer be able to rock the man, sitting directly in front of him, to sleep. The laying of the hardwood floors produced considerable work as all the desks had to be removed from the rooms and then brought in again and installed.

Now that these conditions have been completed the student can sleep a little more comfortably making the lectures a little more enjoyable. All look forward to a satisfactory session.

ANNUAL PHARMACY DANCE NEXT WEEK

Well Known Orchestra At-
tending—Catering by Pierre

The annual and long awaited Pharmacy dance will take place Thursday, Jan. 11, in the Assembly Hall of the New Medical Building. This informal will be under the patronage of the head of the Department of Pharmacy, Prof. A. B. J. Moore.

The committee in charge are sure it will surpass former dances in brilliancy and novelty of decorations and souvenirs.

The orchestra which will supply the soft strains is one well known around college. The noble Pierre will supply the inner man (and woman) with the best of victuals.

As this is the only open Pharmacy social of the year, a good attendance is expected. Tickets are selling fast, but a few more may be gotten from Frano Tobin at the New Medical Building. The U. of M. will be represented.

DR. BIELER ON ATOMIC NUCLEUS

"Recent Work on the Atomic Nucleus", will be the subject of Dr. E. S. Bieler's address at the meeting of the Physical Society today at 5 p.m. in the Macdonald Physics Building.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Several promotions have been made recently in the McGill faculty. Two associate professors, Dr. R. P. D. Graham of mineralogy and Dr. A. N. Shaw of physics, have been made professors in their branches. From assistant to associate professorship three were raised, Mr. J. J. O'Neil in geology, Dr. A. M. Thompson, of classics and Mr. W. L. G. Williams in mathematics.

Rev. George H. Donald M.A. is governor's fellow in corporation. A new registrar, Mr. W. J. Wright, has been appointed for Macdonald College.

Bourassa Will Deliver Speech At Arts Dinner

Mr. Henri Bourassa, famous figure in Canadian politics, and grandson of Louis Joseph Papineau, will be the speaker at the first Arts Dinner, to be held Thursday, Feb. 2nd. The dinner will be held at one of the downtown hotels, and will be attended by many prominent members of the faculty who will contribute to the success of the evening.

It was announced that representatives will be present from Western, Toronto, Queen's and Montreal Universities. Committees are now being formed to deal with the various details of the evening, and it is expected that the tickets will be ready for distribution in a very short time.

The dinner is an annual feature of the Arts Faculty, and is strictly informal.

NEW CONFERENCE TO OPEN AT LOCARNO

Fourth Gathering of the New
Educational Fellowship

The fourth International Conference of the New Education Fellowship will be held in August 1927, at Locarno. The general theme of the conference will be "The True Meaning of Freedom in Education." There will be many prominent speakers from various countries, whilst study groups will be formed under the leadership of an expert in one of the departments of progressive education.

The art of freedom in education: the many new methods and ideas; the new methods in secondary schools; the exchange of ideas between Europe and the United States; the freedom of the teacher; parents and workers among post-school adolescents; all these will be discussed at length in this conference whereby World Peace is made more secure by its spirit of true internationalism.

Many special tours have been arranged under the auspices of the New Educational Fellowship and the International Bureau for Educational Travel, thus providing teachers with a cheap and easy means of attending this conference. The site chosen at Locarno, is a beauty spot in the mountains of Italian Switzerland, thus providing a wonderful holiday tour in addition to furthering the cause of the conference.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ENGINEERING MEN

Award Divided Between R.
G. Beck and H. P. Petzold

The Babcock and Wilcox Scholarship has been awarded to R. G. Beck and H. P. Petzold, 4th, year Mechanical Engineering Department.

The Scholarship is for \$200. To obtain it the applicants must have a good scholastic record, submit an essay, pass an examination on general engineering work and show that they have worked for the preceding summer to the satisfaction of their employers. These conditions are sufficiently severe to ensure the elimination of all but the best.

It is interesting to note, in connection with the award this year that Beck and Petzold were so nearly equal that the donors of the Scholarship, Messrs. Babcock and Wilcox and Goldie McCulloch Ltd. through the Montreal representative Mr. Weller, were asked to divide to whom the award should be made.

In view of the excellence of the work done and presented and due to the fact that the applicants were so nearly equal it was recommended that the scholarship be divided and, for this year be increased to \$300.

MISS DIXON MARRIES

Miss Gertrude Patricia Dixon, late in charge of the Dental clinic, was quietly married to Mr. T. Woodford Smith, on December 27. Mrs. Woodford Smith has been superintending the clinic for the past six years and has always been very popular with the students and the staff and her resignation will be a great loss to all who knew her.

The eleventh colloquium of the session will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th January, at five o'clock in No. 2 classroom of the Chemistry Building.

Mr. G. L. Matheson will be the speaker, introducing for discussion the subject of "Chemical Effects of Alpha Particles."

FEW STUDENTS FAIL TO MAKE THEIR MARKS

Superior Intelligence Of First Year Men
Questioned

TESTS LESS SEVERE

Dates of Final Mid-
term Examinations
Are Set

Must it be conceded that the students who entered McGill for the term 1926-27 are of a higher order of intelligence than those who entered during the terms directly preceding the present one? The fact that only 17, and the number may be less, will this year be placed on probation seems to indicate such to be the case. It is expected that no student will be compelled to leave the University this year though several may not be allowed to carry their full course—they will thus become partial students.

In other years ordinarily 50 or 60 failed to make the grade. This year there is but a fraction of the above numbers who did not pass the requisite number of tests. In previous years the student could be ejected who failed to pass the required number of tests held during November and December, and also if he went down in more than half his examinations held at the end of the first term, about the middle of January. Now the student is judged on the basis of the tests held during the two above months, no official mid-term examinations are held except in those subjects which are only considered as half year subjects.

Two reasons are current why a higher percentage of students this year succeeded in making their grades—that the entrance requirements now being more severe have sent a better class of students to McGill or that the college requirements have not been so exacting this term, for the wisdom of sending a student home in disgrace after the first session has been sharply questioned.

The dates set for the examinations on the half term subjects are given out as the 18th, 19, and 20th of this month. There will be approximately 20 final examinations in Arts and 50 in Science. A large percentage of these are in the Junior and Senior years. The dates of finals in Medicine, Law and Dentistry will be announced immediately it is expected.

CUPID CONVINCES CAFETERIA CASHIER

Little Devil Plays Havoc
With Pierre's Personnel

A new cashier is installed in the Union Cafeteria today. The last one succumbed to the mating instinct and deserted her post.

With a new staff, Mr. Honneger is prepared to institute several innovations, which promise better service and new delicacies for the voracious students. In the future, the coffee may be had in pots, at a slightly higher rate than the usual Swiss cheese and other imported delicacies will also be available at the tea hour, and the market of the world will be combed in an endeavour to tickle the sensitive palate of the student.

The demand for meals at the Union is increasing year by year, and to date the business has almost doubled that of last season, according to Mr. Honneger. The catering department was kept extremely busy during the holiday season, and the demand for Christmas cakes to send to the folks back home was quite large. Some of Pierre's cakes were shipped as far west as Saskatoon, and numerous other points in Canada and the States can testify to the excellence of the Cafeteria's products.

ENERGY OF THE SEA TO BE DISCUSSED

"Energy of the Sea" is the title of an illustrated lecture to be given by Monsieur Georges Claude of Paris in the Moyses Hall at five o'clock on Friday, January 14th. This lecture is open to the public and is held under the auspices of the Sigma Xi Society, Montreal branch, and the McGill Physical and Chemical Societies.

Monsieur Georges Claude is a member of the French Academy of Sciences. He is famed for the liquefaction of air and has written a book entitled "Liquid Air, Oxygen and Nitrogen."

Trace Student Who Ate First Meal In Union

The honor of having eaten the first meal of the Year 1927 in the Union Cafeteria, goes to a student residing in Strathcona Hall, according to latest advices received at the offices of the McGill Daily. The student, whose name is being withheld for obvious reasons, entered the doors of the Union bright and early on the morning of the Fifth, and with the easy air of a man accustomed to such munificence, ostentatiously ordered a breakfast of grapefruit, toast and coffee.

Having partaken thereof, and having feasted his eyes by way of dessert on the pleasing exteriors of the new Union personnel, he departed, without leaving his name. Fortunately, owing to the extraordinary acumen of Mr. Honneger, the student was traced to Strathcona Hall, by means of a broken over shoe buckle, and his identity was revealed.

At a late hour last night no further confirmation could be obtained. Further developments are expected. Bulletins will be issued to cope with the situation.

STUDENTS' TOUR TO BEETHOVEN COUNTRY

Ocean Trips on "Andania"
and "Ascania"

WAGNER FESTIVAL

Special Limited Cabin
Party of Ladies Being
Formed

A tour has been arranged to the Beethoven Centenary, which is being held next summer. This trip will be under the personal direction of Mr. George Brewer, Organist of the Church of the Messiah. M. Berkeley Chadwick, Conductor of the Elgar Choir and M. Leslie A. Collins, all of Montreal.

The itinerary of the trip includes London; Antwerp; Brussels; Bonn; sail on the Rhine; Nuremberg and various cities of note in Germany; to Vienna, returning by way of Switzerland, Lucerne and Innsbruck to Paris for several days, and sailing from Cherbourg for Montreal.

The Ocean portion of the tour will be by the well known Cunarders "Andania" and "Ascania". These will leave Montreal July 8th, and returning August 14th, 1927. This is a great opportunity for all music lovers including as it does the world renowned Wagner Festival at Bayreuth.

For the greater advantage of Chaperone or companionship abroad a congenial party of ladies is being gathered, through the courtesy of Pitman Tours. This cabin party is limited to twenty-five, and will be included in the above named party. Inclusion in this ladies' cabin party can be obtained by addressing Mrs. Morling Saunders, 139 Bay St. Montreal or Pitman Tours Ltd. 169 Union Ave. Montreal.

Christmas travel over the Canadian Pacific routes to the Old Country has been heavier this year than ever before experienced. Special trains have been run from Winnipeg directly to the ship's side at Saint John, N.B. The westerners credit this heavy movement to England for Christmas to the excellent conditions that prevail throughout the west.

The hundred settler families from the British Isles brought out by the Scottish Immigrant Aid Society to form the Clan Donald Colony are doing splendidly, according to a field supervisor's report just submitted. When they landed at their destination they found farms, houses, barns and equipment ready so that no time was lost in preliminaries.

WHAT'S ON

TODAY
5.00—Hockey Practice.
6.00—Physical Society.
COMING
Jan. 8th.
Freemasons' Meeting.
Indoor Rifle Club Shoot.
Jan. 10th.
Executive Meeting of Players' Club.
Jan. 11th.
Pharmacy Dance.
Jan. 14th.
Sigma Xi, McGill Physical and Chemical Society.

STUDENTS SEE PROCESSES OF ASPHALT RUGS

Members Of Mechanical Club Visit
Plant Of Congoleum Company

FELT FORMS BASE

Assistant Superintendent, Mr.
McCrae, a McGill Graduate,
Showed Students Around

Yesterday afternoon a party of Mechanical Club members visited the plant of the Congoleum Company of Canada. They were received by Mr. Brodie, the Secretary of the Company, who introduced Mr. Stephens, the Superintendent of the plant, and Mr. McCrae, the Assistant Superintendent, to the visitors. Mr. McCrae is a McGill Graduate.

The first portion of the plant to be visited was the asphalt room. Here the rolls of felt, each 1000 feet long and either 6 ft. 2 in. wide of 9 ft. 2 in. wide, are passed between a pair of steam-heated drier rolls. This is done to remove the moisture from the felt, which then passed through a bath of melted asphalt. This asphalt is not the natural Trinidad Asphalt which is used in paving the surface of city streets, but is a mere pure variety which is obtained as a by-product in the process of refining crude mineral oil or petroleum. The felt is impregnated with about its own weight of asphalt; more than this tend to make the felt rather brittle, therefore the felt is then passed through a pair of Squeezer Rolls in order to remove any excess asphalt. The felt then passes over a series of rollers up near the ceiling, so as to allow it to hang in loops which almost touch the ground. Then the asphalt content has become cool the impregnated felt is rolled up again and transferred to another building. The roll of felt is then passed through the painting machine three times, in order to give it a coat of red paint on one side and two coats of yellow "priming" paint on the other side. It is then passed through the Printing Press, yellow side up. In order that the different dies applying the various colours of paint that are required to make the completed pattern may register correctly the roll of felt is fed through the printing press by a series of spikes protruding from two endless belts. These spikes pierce the two outer edges of the felt. On emerging from the press with the full pattern printed on it the roll passes under the Splitter Disks which remove a one inch strip from each edge, so as to get rid of the marks of the feed.

HORIZON OF CHORAL SOCIETY IS BRIGHT

Members Optimistic of "Tom
Jones" Reception

The rendering of "Tom Jones" by the Choral Society should be a delight to lovers of good music, according to a member of the executive. The very satisfactory attendance during the past week at a local opera house, producing the plays of Gilbert and Sullivan, is assuring evidence that there is a great appreciation in Montreal for that type of comic and light opera; the members of the Choral Society are satisfied that the university students and even the general public will justify this.

Practises have been held regularly during the recent vacation, and the members have also had rehearsals for the past two nights. Everything has been progressing extremely favourably, and things promise to turn out even better than is expected.

All the scenery has been procured and is already arranged. The costumes and scenery are typical of the period of the famous novel on which the play is founded.

During the holidays, Max McKenzie made all arrangements necessary for the distribution of tickets. These will be assigned to each class within the next week or ten days. The prices have not been officially announced, but will become known in the near future. Numerous requests for these from outside have already reached the president, A. S. Allen. Henry P. Petzold, in conjunction with Rosa Harkness, Editor of the Daily, has been active, and the advertising for the play is well under way. In future, the society will hold two practices each week.

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Friday, January 7, 1927.

The New Year

IT is not only interesting but profitable, as we stand just inside the threshold of a New Year, to spend a few minutes in a stocktaking, a weighing and a balancing of our achievements of the past year and a consideration of our hopes for the future.

Here we stand with the unfolding season of new opportunities before us. The Christmas vacation is behind us and before many of us is the two weeks grind before exams. The year's endings are not boundaries between totally different states, but rather milestones which mark one's progress along the way. At this time of year then, like the traveler, we stop to get our bearings, looking back on what we passed the last mile, and look forward to see what the next mile may hold for us.

Time may be money but it is always opportunity, and the striking of the midnight clock is at once a solemn reminder that the night is far spent and a significant promise that day is at hand. The spent year has been crowded with evidences of this great fulfillment. Prosperity has increased and given us opportunities for well-doing and good living. The world has advanced revealing amazing mysteries, and tantalizing us with the promise of more. Civilization has translated discovery into usefulness and our homes reflect in comfort and convenience man's growing conquest over environment.

What then of the year to come? Will it too be a year of achievements and of progress; a year of happiness and content for mankind? And what will it make of us, the individuals, sharing all things and contributing again our own character and conduct to the age around us?

It is our annual privilege to dedicate a few hours to stocktaking, to cast up the balance between opportunity and endeavor, between success and the use made of it, between promise and conduct, and from the frank statement which results draw up our resolve.

Plotinus, in his Enneads, depicts for us the drama of mankind abandoning the perfection which is its right for the simple value of recovering it. He teaches that the soul deliberately chose to descend from the perfection of Heaven, in which it had lived before birth, to inhabit and govern a body. Not only was its choice of imperfection deliberate, but its destiny was merely a steady and painful and again deliberate climb back to the realm from which it came.

If this be true it is indeed essential that at regular intervals the climber should stop to take his bearings. If progress is being made nothing is better for morale than to know it, and without morale no individual or enterprise is likely to be successful for long.

Poor, Blind Jean

GEORGE JEAN NATHAN, the accomplice of Mencken in the service of "Mercury," has once again in his hectic search for editorial victims, elected to interpret for America the annual, and it seems eternal, signs of Great Britain's eclipse. Individuals in England, he finds are writing to the newspapers in protest against criticism of themselves and their future by Americans. They appear to have become more susceptible to umbrage than formerly. The old, stolid John Bull seems less impervious to the slights of the New World—a woeful, woeful sign to be sure, according to Mr. Nathan.

These portents are evidence of weakness and direful "loss of confidence in themselves," he believes, observing that a nation's decline is ushered in by a growing presentiment that its ascendancy is open to challenge.

We hope we may be forgiven if we see in Mr. Nathan's attitude just a glimmer of personal triumph at having been successful enough to twist a sleeping lion's tail and hear him yawn.

Far from an omen of decline, if England has lent an ear to intellectual America, the act is a tribute to the latter. It is a recognition of her emergence from adolescence. It is a handshake on her coming of literary age, and a welcome on her entry into the intellectual arena.

When Washington Irving lived, he was regarded by England as a novelty. A real, honest-to-goodness man of letters rising at the very threshold of Indian tepees and dark, unexplored forests was strange indeed. But gradually in this land, three thousand miles away, people ceased chopping trees and building homesteads, and began to read books. The vigor, however, once used in felling timber remained

to find expression in art, and Americans began to write. So the voice of Chaucer and Shakespeare and Milton at last inspired The New World, even as it had the Old.

Thus England is now accompanied by others of her own tongue in the search for the artistic ideal. But her recognition of powerful competitors in the pursuit is no indication that she has developed a fatal cramp. It would merely suggest that such men as George Jean Nathan and Co. have a greater understanding of the signs of the alphabet than the signs of the times.

Cecile Sorel In Three Roles At The Princess

IT IS NOT a matter of great difficulty to select the role in which Cecile Sorel shines brightest. The histrionic art consists at all times of more than mere declamatory exercises, of which there were more than plenty in two of the three plays on the repertory.

Though technically, "Le Misanthrope," Moliere's five act comedy is the best constructed of the offerings, Dumas the Younger's "La Dame aux Camellias" offered the most scope to the talented Sorel. For in this play only, of the selection, was there sufficient movement to break up the monotony of constant dialogue. Sorel's DuBarry was good, more especially in the highly tense final act where all her emotional powers are thrown in to her vain pleading for liberty. It is in scenes such as this that Cecile Sorel is at her best in each instance, though at all times she completes the well-nigh impossible task of filling a role to perfection.

MM. Adolphe Aderer and Armand Ephraïm have, in "Maitresse de Roi" written around the famous DuBarry a play that is essentially spectacular, almost a series tableaux with considerable clever dialogue pervading. But it is a satisfactory vehicle nevertheless and the work of the leading artists is good in every case. M. Louis Ravet's interpretation of Louis XV was especially well done while M. Rolla Norman was sympathetically cast as de Laubry. The scenic effects are a bit out of the ordinary, the sets used being decidedly better than most of those seen here heretofore.

"La Dame aux Camellias" by Dumas fils lost nothing by its modernization. The substitution of present day clothes for those of a century ago and the utilization of modern vocabulary as substitutes for those of times gone by added to the play considerably. Even the introduction of that delightful bit of modern Parisian jazz, "Valentine" did more good than harm; even its rendition in English added rather than detracted from the value of the performance.

Though not ranking technically with the work of Moliere "La Dame aux Camellias" was easily the most attractive of the three plays presented for the simple reason that it presented much more scope for all the cast. Modern theatre goes have grown accustomed to expect more than mere dialogue which at best is dull, and which, when rendered on the stage, rapidly and in a foreign language is likely to grow very tiresome.

The meagrest knowledge of French would suffice to make "La Dame aux Camellias" a really pleasant evening's entertainment. Its vivacity in parts, its touching sobriety in others, and above all the acting, really wonderful, in this instance of Madame Sorel make it a genuinely good piece of work.

But what is in some respects the most remarkable thing of all is the extreme care that has been devoted to the training of the members of the supporting cast in this play. To see minor roles played to such perfection is unusual.

Little need be said of Moliere's "Le Misanthrope." From the rise of the curtain till the end of the fifth act it is a series of at times heavy dialogue, declamations and orations interspersed with a number of gesticulations. It is a play that makes good reading but is not as suitable to the stage of today as it was to that of its time. Every line, nay, every word must be caught to appreciate it, and that is always a matter of considerable difficulty. It is tiresome if nothing else to sit through five acts of versification, to hear the cadences rise and fall, to note the sharp rhythm and even the rime, and to see little of the ability of so delightful an actress as Cecile Sorel.

A fortunate arrangement makes it possible for all three plays to be seen before the close of the week. DuBarry and Camille certainly should not be missed. Friday evening; "La Dame aux Camellias"; Saturday matinee; "Le Misanthrope" and Saturday evening; "Maitresse de Roi".

"The manufacturing industry is moving west," says J. E. Walsh, General Manager of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. "The increase in prairie industries shows this. We are having the same experience here as they had in the United States. The Prairie Provinces are fast becoming industrialized."

What Canadian College Students Read

By Prof. W. T. Allison

Several weeks ago, a friend said to me, "What are Canadian college students reading nowadays?" I had to confess that I had no exact information on the subject. The general impression I had received from students in English classes in the University of Manitoba, was that they were very loyal to the curriculum, that their time was so occupied while college was in session that they were satisfied to read prescribed text-books, a rather formidable array. I felt sure, however, that during the long summer vacation they would pay some attention to fiction and perhaps would be moved to read not too heavy books of a general sort. In order to satisfy my curiosity, and incidentally that of my friend, who spurred me to action, I distributed slips of paper to 117 students in English in two classes in the second and fourth years. I asked them if they would be kind enough to write the names of three books they had read during the last six months, avoiding if possible any works mentioned in the curriculum, and emphasizing reading of a recreational nature. I asked members of one class to mark on the reverse side of the slip three titles by Canadian authors. An analysis of the results of my polite inquiry into the present state of the recreational reading of university students makes what I hope will be an interesting contribution disseminated during Canada's Book Week which closes today.

Martha Ostenso and Ralph Connor Lead

My first observation is that the two favorite authors of these young people are Miss Martha Ostenso and Rev. Dr. C. W. Gordon, better known as Ralph Connor. Of the 117 students who handed in slips, 43 wrote the title of Miss Ostenso's prize novel, "Wild Geese," while 26 sent in various titles by Ralph Connor. It is just possible that many puritanical readers will regret the large vote for "Wild Geese," and will ascribe it to the exotic element in that brilliant story. I do not take this view, however. It must be remembered that this is a vivid story of Manitoba life, and, what is more likely still to make our students wish to read it, it is the work of a young lady who once studied rhetoric in our university. She did not complete her arts course. Like many a Manitoba student, she had to replenish her treasury by teaching in a country school. She was of Norwegian parentage, so when she found herself in a settlement where most of the people were foreign-born, she took a greater interest in them than the majority of Canadian teachers would have done. At any rate her realistic novel shows that this young woman had remarkable powers of observation, a keen understanding of the hardships and crudities of pioneering life, and extraordinary skill in character portrayal. Drawing largely upon her experience as a teacher, she wrote the novel, her first adventure in fiction, and to her own vast astonishment, carried off a prize of \$13,500 from hundreds of competitors. Instantly she was lifted into fame as the heroine of the most romantic literary triumph of this generation. Is it any wonder, therefore, that the students of her own university, marvelling at her success, should put her name at the top of the list. The popularity of Ralph Connor is partly explained by local interest. He is the most famous of all Canadian story-writers; his romance makes a special appeal to young people; he is a Winnipeg man whose son and four daughters are graduates or undergraduates of Manitoba University.

Dickens is still being read. Judging by this inquiry, the recreational reading of students today is very scattered. A large number of writers received only one mention, and with the exception of the authors referred to above, not one has received more than 13 votes. I am sure that those who have a good opinion of the rising generation will be gratified to hear that Charles Dickens leads all the other authors with 13 votes, six for "A Tale of Two Cities," three for "Pickwick Papers," and one each for the following: "The Cricket on the Hearth," "Bleak House," "Oliver Twist," "Dombey and Son," and "American Notes." Thackeray is with a total of nine admirers, six mentioning "Henry Esmond," two "Vanity Fair," and one "Pendennis." I must not suppress the fact that "Henry Esmond" is a title on the novel course prescribed for the fourth year. Sir Walter Scott is still being read, with three votes for "The Heart of Midlothian," one for "Kenilworth," and one for "Ivanhoe." Stevenson is as popular as Scott, "Master of Ballantrae" two votes, and one each for "St. Ives," "Travels With a Donkey," "Memoirs and Portraits." Other important Victorian novelists who receive single mention in this inquiry are as follows: George Elliot, "Middlemarch"; Charlotte Bronte, "Jane Eyre"; Samuel Butler, "The Way of All Flesh"; George Meredith, "Richard Feverel"; Richard Blackmore, "Lorna Doone"; Charles Lever, "The Luck of Brian"; Harrison Ainsworth, "Windsor Castle"; Rider Haggard, "She"; Tolstol, "Resurrection"; Oscar Wilde, "De Profundis." Strange to tell, only one Kipling title appears in this list, "Stalky and Co."

Dumas Favorite Among French Authors. It would be strange if Alexandre Dumas, the gay friend of youth in the past, were altogether neglected today. His memory is still being kept green for he polled seven votes, two for "Monte Christo," and one for each of the following titles, "The Three Musketeers," "The Black Tulip," "The Memoirs of a Physician," "The Queen's Necklace," and Marguerite de Valois. Victor Hugo is also being read, two mentioning "Les Misérables," one "Tollers of the Sea," and one "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Other French writers remembered by single votes are the following: Jules Verne, Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea; Emile Garburiou, "Other People's Money."

Of American writers of yesterday Nathaniel Hawthorne is first choice, one student mentioning "The Scarlet Letter," another "Mosses from an Old Manse." Mark Twain has a solitary reader who has read recently, "A Yankee in King Arthur's Court." Is it possible that young people today fail to enjoy "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn." Or did they sweep through these joy-bringers in high school days? One student has been reading Poe's short stories, another O. Henry's "Walls and Strays," another Helen Hunt Jackson's once popular "Ramona."

Big Sellers Well Represented. Of the big sellers of the present day, E. Harrington (Mrs. L. Adams Beck of Victoria, B.C.) shares equal honors with Sinclair Lewis, both receiving eleven votes. Of the former novelist's works, "The Exquisite Peril" and "Glorious Apollo" are most popular; of Lewis's stories, "Arrowsmith" has seven admirers, one student, evidently a lover of science, stating that he had read it three times. Mrs. Stratton Porter's posthumous story, "The Keeper of the Bees," had eight votes, and two other stories by her, "Laddie" and "The Harvester," one vote each. Rafael Sabatini has ten votes, five being given for "The Sea Hawk." E. Phillips Oppenheim and Jeffery Farwell run a neck and neck race, each receiving seven votes. Zane Grey comes next, with six votes. Two English authors, A. S. M. Hutchinson and John Galsworthy, have five votes each. "One Increasing Purpose" and "The Forsyte Saga," being mentioned four and three times, respectively. Rex Beach, J. Oliver Curwood, and Edna Ferber poll four votes each. Booth Tarkington three, John Erskine, author of "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," three; Baroness Orczy three, John Buchan three, P. C. Wren, author of "Beau Sabreur," three; Sylvia Thompson, "The Hounds of Spring," three; Harold Bell Wright three, Sir Philip Wodehouse two, Irvin Cobb two, Roy Gibbs three, O. Douglas three, P. J. Cohen two, Jean Webster, "Daddy Long Legs," two E. M. Hull of Shiek fame two, Katherine Norris two, Sax Rohmer two, Grace Richmond two.

No Mention of Conan Doyle or Conrad. Canadian students are identified to stories of American college life, if we are to judge by the fact that only one mention is made of Percy Marks' "The Plastic Age" and only one has read "Glitter" by Katherine Brush. The amour propre of H. G. Wells will be wounded if he ever hears that he polled only one vote, the book being "Joan and Peter." Another surprise is that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's name is not mentioned at all, nor is that of Joseph Conrad. I am also amazed to find that only one title, "The Last of the Mohicans," represents that once very popular writer, James Fenimore Cooper. Writers who received one vote each are as follows: J. S. Fletcher, Julia Seton, Israel Zangwill, Bernard Shaw, Birmingham, Susan Ertz, Henry J. Forman, W. J. Locks, J. A. Larson, Christopher Morley, S. R. Crockett, Sophia Cleugh, Margaret Peillar, Wilfred Ewart, Sheila Kaye Smith, Floyd Dell, A. A. Milne; James Gillet, May Sinclair, Gertrude Atherton, Charles Major, Michael Arien, Anne Sedgewick, and Ina Hay.

Some More Serious Titles. Few students read poetry. One mentions Homer, one Tennyson, one Keats, one Service, one Palgrave's Golden Treasury. Heavier books mentioned once are the following: Carlyle, "Sartor Resartus" and "Past and Present"; Thomas Paine, "The Age of Reason"; William Beebe, "Jungle Peace"; Emile Ludwig, "Life of Kaiser Wilhelm II"; Charles R. Kennedy, "The Servant in the House"; Cervantes, "Don Quixote"; Webster, "The White Devil"; Rousseau, "The Social Contract"; Darwin, "Origin of Species"; Proust, "Life of Franz Liszt"; Dr. Johnson, "Rasselas"; Swift, "Letters" and "Gulliver's Travels"; Walter H. Page, "Life and Letters." Only one student mentioned a religious work, Glover's, "The Jesus of History."

Packard Ranks Second Among Canadians. Sixty-eight titles of books by Canadian novelists are mentioned. Next to Ralph Connor in popularity, but a long way behind, is F. L. Packard with six votes, Robert J. C. Stead and Lucy Montgomery come third with four votes each. Arthur Stringer, Mrs. Salverson, Robert Service and

Frederick P. Grove have three votes each. The following are mentioned twice: Mrs. Isabel E. Mackay, Nellie McClung, Stephen Leacock and James McGilivray. Other Canadian authors mentioned once are the following: Mrs. McKinnon, Madge Macbeth, H. A. Cody, Archie McKishnie, Hopkins Moorehouse, Bertrand Sinclair, C. G. D. Roberts, Mrs. Traill, Sir Gilbert Parker.

Altogether the inquiry is not disappointing. The students were asked not to strive for effect, but to jot down books they had really read and enjoyed, and the range is certainly wide. It should also be remembered that my request was altogether unexpected.

Fables For Freshettes

No. 1.

This being Freddy's first Year at Cawlitche, he thought that the Christmas Holidays is the time to cast aside the great massive Volumes of Erudition and say to his Neighbors "Heigh-ho! Live and make live."

Well, the first Day of Freedumb he bethought himself of the great outdoor Sports, and decided to go tobogganing. Being, or rather, having been a Student of the Aesthetic and the Beautiful, he deemed it wise to request the Company of a certain Freshette. Accordingly, he called in Person on the fair Virgin (She hailed from Virginia).

"Freda," says Freddy after an Exchange of Greetings and an arms conference, (Yea, Battle), "do you like winter Sports?"

Freda's Eyes lit up (She was getting temperamental). "I'll say I do."

"Well, would you like to go tobogganing?"

"I'd like to, Freddy. But, you see, I went last Week and I'm still feeling the Effects."

"Why, where did you hurt yourself?" asked Freddy, with the true Ring of Sympathy in his Voice.

Freda looked up at him and gave him one of her furnace Glances. "Why, on the Slopes of Mount Royal, of course."

—M. R. H. L. F.

Canada's birth rate leads all the white races of the world, according to a close study made here of comparative figures. Canada's birth rate is 23.4 to the thousand, and Australia comes next with 23.2. England and Wales fall slightly below France with 18.8.

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Tri-color Team Intact From Last Year — Coupon 19 for Admission

When Queen's and McGill senior hockey teams cross sticks at the Forum to-night, the curtain will rise on another season of intercollegiate hockey. The stage is set for the opening of what promises to be one of the toughest fights for senior intercollegiate hockey honors, for with Varsity's famous Allan Cup contenders now gone by the boards as a Grads team in the O. H. A. and with Queen's, U. of M. and McGill showing a comparatively even balance of strength, the devotees of the sport are looking forward to a bitter fight for the title honors. Scoring a victory in tonight's fracas will mean a lot to either team; it will be a win in a season when wins are to be dearly won.

Just what performers will appear in tri-color uniforms tonight is a matter of conjecture. A glance at the eligibility applications for senior hockey which have been filed by the Kingston club show that with the exception of Voss, all of last year's squad will be on skates for the tri-color. Captain Dunc Boucher will be back at his old place at left wing and Ewart Lindsay last year's captain and centre has evidently reversed his decision of last spring when he was expected to graduate. Britton who had trouble with his Christmas exams and who was not to play hockey (according to reports) is also entered with Bunny Pelton, the latter having an irregularity in his application form.

The remainder have a clean sheet and round out a rather formidable sextette. Red Leson, the iron man on the intermediates, whose favorite trick is to go at top speed for sixty minutes of play, is back at right wing. Morris, last year's net custodian will again be between the posts and is as good as the best of them when he is going good. Bellamy and McKelvey are two sound subs while Coach Hughes has also a spare goalie in Quinn.

Against the tri-color, Coach Shaughnessy will send the same team that made a clean sweep in the trip across the border during the holidays. McGerrigle and Paul Smith will start on the defense with Captain St. Germain, Mickles and McMahon doing the fast skating up in front. A newcomer for many will be the man between the McGill posts but the rugby fans will recognize Bruds Bazin who a few months ago occupied himself with snapping the pigskin. Bruds came out of retirement to guard the American collegians and acquitted himself well in both games. Don Smith, Bobbie Bell and Trainer will probably be seen in active service from time to time as relief workers.

Coupon 19 is the "open Sesame" at the Forum turnstiles.

GYMN COMPETITION SET FOR FEBRUARY

Practices for Wicksteed and Intercollegiate Meets Begin

Early in February the Wicksteed Gymnasium Competition will be held at the Montreal High School. This event offers a better opportunity for men to display all round athletic ability than any other event in the University athletic programme. The events will follow the same general lines as last year.

In order that all may have equal chances of winning the competition is divided into three sections:—

- 1—Students of Graduating Year, the winner to be awarded the Wicksteed Silver Medal.
- 2—Students of second and third years, the winner to be awarded the Wicksteed bronze medal.
- 3—Students of the first, the winner to be awarded the Dr. F. W. Harvey Cup.

The object of this test is to promote all round physical efficiency. The programme consists of a few simple movements on the apparatus as well as several athletic events, all of which will be familiar to the men before the competition.

Practice periods for both Wicksteed and Intercollegiate competitions are being held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 5 p.m., to 6 p.m. at the High School Gymnasium. Any man who has any interest in, or ability for gymnastics or indoor athletics is invited to turn out to these practices when someone will be present to coach and give assistance. The Wicksteed Competition will serve as a trial for those trying to make the Intercollegiate team, and for this reason a large entry is expected. The set movements will be published in a day or so, so that ample time may be devoted to practice.

Betting And Recruiting Of Athletes Are cited Among Evils By Michigan Coach

Editor's Note: The following is the fourth of a series of interviews with Coach Fielding H. Yost, director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Michigan dealing with the present problems in connection with the administration of intercollegiate sports. These articles are appearing in the Michigan Daily.

"Betting is a practice that should be eliminated," declared Director of Athletics Fielding H. Yost in an interview on the present evils in athletics. "It is another commercializing influence that detracts from the spirit of play. It breeds criticism, disloyalty and a lack of harmony among various forces that make up a school," he said.

In the opinion of Coach Yost, the practice of betting detracts from the keenest of the contestants by substituting mercenary incentives in the place of ideals and it thus has no place in school athletics.

The practice of proselytizing and recruiting athletic candidates is an evil equally as detrimental to clean athletics as that of betting, stated the coach. "This evil of some alumni of our various universities in bringing undue pressure to bear on high school athletics, or even offering them inducements to get them to attend their institutions is perhaps the most serious problem we have to contend with," he asserted. Coach Yost added further:

"College alumni think that they are performing a loyal service to their Alma Mater, and that they are helping the boy when they do this. As a matter of fact they are robbing him of his naturally wholesome and healthy attitude toward college athletics, and creating a different problem for the athletic authorities of his university."

Such a practice, believes the coach, introduces a spirit of commercialism that is akin to professionalism. "Instead of considering the opportunity of playing by merit," he continued, "the boy begins to think that something extra should be done for him if he plays, and whenever this occurs much of the value in athletics is lost."

As a remedy of this evil, Coach Yost declared that high school and college authorities must work in close harmony if the practice is to be ever properly checked.

McGILL PLACED THIRD AT SPORTS CARNIVAL

Tied With Wisconsin in Two-day Meet at Lac Placid

Despite the fact that they were tied a low third in the winter sports carnival at Lac Placid, the McGill ski and snowshoe club made quite a creditable showing in the two day meet during the holidays. New Hampshire easily took the premier honors with an aggregate of 32 points with Dartmouth second in line with 23. McGill and Wisconsin tied at 9 points each with third while Ottawa by virtue of their fine showing in the figure skating came fifth with eight.

In every event that McGill men were entered, the red and white entrants scored points with the exception of the ski-jumping contest. There were no McGill men participating in the snowshoe events and in the figure skating one point was added to the McGill total by the efforts of Boulton.

Five of McGill's points came when Bill Thompson led the field home in the seven-mile cross country grind finishing ahead of such strong runners as Brittan and Proctor of Dartmouth and Dustin of New Hampshire. Fred Taylor showed a good burst of speed to take fifth place.

Outstanding among the results of the events was the sweep made by Ottawa in the figure skating; the performance of Charles Proctor of Dartmouth and the fall by the wayside of the Wisconsin team. The Westerners, holders of both trophies, could do no better than finish third and did not come anywhere near putting up the fight that they have made in the past. Proctor of Dartmouth was the highest individual scorer and accounted for a large percentage of his team's 23 points.

The lack of entrants in the snowshoe events and the fact that only one man entered the skating races explains McGill's poor showing against the American Colleges.

BOXERS RESUME PRACTICES

McGill May Enter Team in Provincial Championships

The red and white boxers will begin serious training again on January 11 on which date Coach Bert Light has called the initial practice of the present session. It was announced last night that besides entering the intercollegiate meet there is a strong possibility that the McGill Club will enter a team in the Provincial Championships.

Although most of the aspirants for places on the red and white team have been working hard for several months now there are still several vacancies on the squad. Experienced boxers are always welcome while this

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COACH SAYS MORE WRESTLERS NEEDED

Call for Men in all Weights Issued by McGill Mentor

Coach George Smith, of the McGill wrestling team, has given the following statement to the Daily in regard to wrestling at McGill which to all accounts has attracted none too much interest this year. The McGill coach has the following to say on the subject.

"In order to make our chances of winning the intercollegiate title more secure, wrestling practice hours will be Mon. 6.15; Thurs. 6.15 and an additional practise Sat. afternoon 4.45 p.m. to continue regularly until the meet.

With all due credit to those who have attended the class faithfully so far, it is not sufficient insofar as numbers are concerned to win a competition like the coming meet which will be held here on or about the third week end of February. It is not possible to find a few more men with good red blood in their veins who are willing to come in and try to represent the Old College in a meet of this description.

What about P. Phelps Bryant Raymanhop, Littlefield, McPherson and a number of the football players who could be tried up by now and fast rearing to go, let all weights turn out and we will gladly look after them. When P. T. was compulsory we had difficulty in handling the great numbers that turned out, surely coercion is not necessary to make a student do something he should be glad to do.

year men weighing from 160 to 175 pounds are especially needed. All those interested are asked to make it a point to be on hand next Tuesday at the first workout.

SWIMMERS PREPARE FOR COMING MEETS

American Tour Shows Need for More Specialists

FACULTY COMPETITION

Coach Vernot Wants Junior Men to Fill Positions on Intercollegiate Team

(By the Natatory Nymph)

Continuing in their program of which the last event was the American College tour, and in preparation for the Intercollegiate Meet which is to take place in the middle of February, the Swimming Club announced last night that the Inter-Faculty Meet will take place on January 27th in the K. of C. Tank. This meet is open to all undergraduates who have not represented their Alma Mater in Intercollegiate competitions. Entries to be handed in to Coach Vernot or to the faculty manager.

In the tour which took place immediately previous to the Christmas vacation the visiting team lost to both Yale and Brown but were successful in defeating Syracuse, the scores being:

Yale 48, McGill-U. of T. 15.
Brown 34, McGill-U. of T. 27.
Syracuse 29, McGill-U. of T. 33.

The first meet was rather disastrous for the visitors in that only one first place came to their credit. This was in the diving, and Mort Gibbons was the successful competitor in that event. At Brown the combined team were leading by one point until the relay race was decided, and in this the homesters just nosed out their opponents for a win. Here the honors were more evenly divided for Gibbons again won the diving, while Clayton Bourne placed first in the 100 yds with a second in the 200 yds, together with Goss of Toronto first in the 200 yds, and Fran Lorenzen winning the 100 yds breast. In so doing he broke the tank record for that distance by four seconds, clicking in with a time of 1 min. 16 2-5 sec. The diving at Syracuse came as a surprise to all for Gibbons was defeated by the home man for the first place by 1.4-10th points. (Continued on page four.)

CLASS HOCKEY BEGINS SOON

Several Years Have not Applied for Practice Hours

Although class hockey will begin shortly, several classes have not as yet applied for a practice hour or filled their applications to enter the class league. This must be in the hands of the manager by 6 o'clock, Thursday. Any class failing to do so will not be included in the schedule which is now being drawn up. Classes applying for a practice hour are advised that no practice will be held during the hours of 5 to 7, owing to the fact that games are played at these hours.

The following classes have not applied for an hour:—

- Arts 1; Arts 4; Med 2; Med 4; Law 1; Law 2; Law 3; Dent 1; Dent 2; Dent 3; Dent 4; Theology.

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SWIMMERS PREPARE FOR COMING MEETS

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Syracuse certainly have an excellent diver, Lorenzen again took the breast stroke event while Bourne placed first in the 200 yds and second in the 100 yds.

And now McGill has to prepare to defeat their rivals who helped them in their tour. The Intercollegiate Meet is to take place at Toronto this year on February 18th, with the polo on the next day. It was seen from the team which McGill sent over the line that there were several positions which were not at all strong and to find promising material for these is the greatest desire of Coach Vernot. An opportunity to discover these necessary men will be given when the Inter-Faculty Meet takes place on the 27th of this month. Last year there were several new men who showed up well whom Coach Vernot has now under his wing. There is a trophy at stake which has been competed for during the last two years. Arts were the successful team in the first case but last year they were defeated by the narrow margin of one point by Science while again Medicine was only one point behind them. This year should see the competition far more keen as there are at least two positions on the Intercollegiate team at stake.

A big attraction at this meet will be a polo match between McGill Intercollegiate team and the Intermediate Canadian Champions, usually known by the title of Grads. It will be necessary to put in some hard practices before the Intercollegiate Series Games on February 18 and March 5. There is being arranged also, a meet for the Juniors against one of the City High Schools to take place some time previous to the meet in Toronto.

HEARD AT THE TWO A DAY

Mlle. Effi making a curtain speech (with soft voice, soft lights and a handkerchief):

Friends—you are my friends, aren't you?—I don't know how I am going to express my gratitude for the perfectly rippling way you have received me. I don't like to think of you out there as an audience. You are not a mere audience. You are my friends and I am your friends, and we have come to know each other through the medium of the theatre. During my tour I always look forward to the time when I can be with my friends out here in Mass—er—California. I have always counted Ohio—that is, California as my own state, for (proudly) I am a Connecticut—or rather a California product, along with your wonderful old New England beans. And now my time is up—and I must go to where I know not. Always, though, I will carry in my heart of hearts a warm place for my dear friends here, and will look forward with the greatest joy of the time when I will return to my beloved New Hampshire.

Exit

(Offstage) Hey, Mack, give me a cigarette, for Mike's sake—I'm all balded up. —Ex.

POPULAR

He had his picture in the papers all over the country. The big photographers from the cities throughout the land were anxious to have his picture grace their window display next to that of some pretty debutante. In his home town he was the most popular man, and at the dances he was embarrassed often by the eager girls who would dance with him if he chose them. Yet, he was not handsome at all. He was just an all-American half-back with rich parents. "Nuff said."

It was out at a Summer Dance Pavilion. Japanese lanterns vied with the stars in brilliance, the orchestra out-did themselves, and the air was warm and balmy. The wind, barely felt, carried scent of Doreine and Quelques Fleurs and gasoline and gin. Everything was just like a college novel. Everyone was happy except Chuck. He had lost his girl. He looked for her every place, and finally he saw a lone figure sitting on a bench next to the water. He knew that must be Phyllis—his Phyllis, of the golden hair and violet eyes. He came nearer; took a good look at the figure and then hurried up to her. Before she could resist, he had caught her in a passionate embrace. (No, it was not his sister. Keep on reading.) "Phyllis", he cried out, and kissed her full on the lips. "But I'm not Phyllis," said the girl, without drawing away from his embrace.

"You don't think I thought you were, do you?" he replied. "Don't be silly."

—Ex.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, General Manager of the Bank of Montreal, points out in the current Public Utilities issue of the "Financial Times" that Canada's utilization of power has increased 180 per cent. in the past ten years and that the country now stands second in the world in the utilization of hydro power. When present plans mature Canada will have 4,600,000 h.p. in use, representing a capital investment of \$854,000,000, while undeveloped power wealth will still be prodigious, conservatively estimated at 28,000,000 h.p.

Sweet Young Thing (at post office)—I'll take ten of your best one cent post cards, please. —Ex.

Other Editors Say

Checking Off The Days

"Goody, goody, goody. Only seven more days till Christmas vacation," shrieks the freshman, jumping up and down and clapping his hands. But the superior sophomore just laughs and laughs because he knows all the time it is just six and a half more days. He's had it all checked up on his calendar for two weeks past.

Of course they don't really, either of them. But it's the time of year now. Naturally all bona fide college students learned years ago that there really isn't any Santa Claus and they quit hanging up their stockings four or five years ago. Of course they all agree glibly that Christmas is a quaint old custom retained just for children and old times sake—but they check off the days just the same.

For there's something about it. A full fledged college freshman can't really get sentimental about home and mother, and mother's apron strings and Christmas trees, and dad—and the kid brother. Certainly he can't admit it and retain his glaze of sophistication.

But he can talk about Christmas vacation and always find somebody to listen. He can start out about the weather—or exams—or dates—or clothes or shows or sleep. It all leads back in the same old circle to Christmas vacation. And nobody seems to get bored. Barbers have infinite patience about it. They even invite confidence and are perhaps the favorite victims. But fraternity cooks and restaurant men are quite sympathetic. Even bus drivers will serve in a pinch.

Of course there isn't really anything sentimental about a college freshman, especially about going home for Christmas. But just ask any of them—what time the first special leaves town December 31.

Daily Illini

Effectively Occupying the Arctic

Reports of such Royal Canadian Mounted Police patrols as those made by Sergeants Joy and Wight within the Arctic region make too easy, reading to yield a proper perspective of how much they signify. Their heroic nature is not to be mentioned: the tradition of the Force demands almost that that be taken for granted. The national value of their effect is marked and distinct. It is the national act and national assumption of jurisdiction that makes Canada's settlement to her Arctic sphere effective to within some 600 miles of the North Pole.

Only a few years ago the region now patrolled was open to question as to its effective settlement, and might, conceivably, be subject to dispute under international jurisdiction. First has been occupied the great area of 200,000 square miles of Baffin Land rising off the north shore of Hudson Strait. The occupation of that land since has been so completely admitted that international jurists have regarded it as certainly Canadian as is Ontario.

These Mounted Police have patrolled far north of that. They have gone three times as far north of Baffin land as it is north of Port Nelson on Hudson Bay. In the report a year ago they told how their farthest north post had been located on the south of Ellesmere Island. The patrols that have since been made from that post, establishing other posts, are reported in the terse military terminology of the impersonal statements now published.

Sergeant Joy kept lonesome vigil where Peary and his expedition wintered in 1906, and Sverdrup in 1902; he traversed that inconceivably rough terrain of Axel Heberg Island on the patrol that covered a thousand miles. Sergeant Wight proceeded, also alone, across and along the northern portion of Baffin Island in a tour that traversed 1,286 miles.

In this performance of their daily duties these members of their honored force are the administrators of the law of the Dominion of Canada. The reports they have written that take nearly a year before they can be neatly registered in the prosaic routine of the Commissioner's office at Ottawa, become national documents: the incontestable evidence acceptable to the world's court of international jurists, that Canada's settlement of her Arctic sphere is effective, undeniable.

—Winnipeg Free Press

Announcement was made from Canadian Pacific Railway headquarters here recently that two free scholarships, covering one year's tuition in the Faculty of Arts and four year's tuition in architecture, chemical, civil, mechanical or electrical engineering at McGill University, are offered by the company, subject to competitive examination to apprentices and other employees enrolled on the permanent staff of the company and under 21 years of age, and to minor sons of employees.

"Stop sniffing, little boy. Can't you do something with your nose?" the austere old lady asked on the crowded street car.

"Yes'm," returned the lad politely. "I can keep it out of other folks' business."

—Ex.

STUDENTS SEE PROCESSES OF ASPHALT RUGS

(Continued from page one)

splices. The printed roll is then cut transversely into strips which are the length of the drying racks. When one bay of racks is completely filled the whole printing press is moved opposite the next row of drying stacks. There are four rows of these drying stacks, and while the last one of them is being filled by the printing press the dry strips are removed to the packing room where the individual blocks of pattern are cut out of these strips by a Gillette Shears. The individual mats are then inspected, and it found to be perfect the Gold Seal of the CONGOLEUM Guarantee is placed in each and they are rolled individually on huge "milling tubes" of twisted cardboard, the ends of which are strengthened by wooden plugs which extend beyond the length of the rolled mat. The roll is then wrapped in stout paper, the Pattern Number and size are stencilled on, an extra wrapper is put over each end, and it is then sent to the Stock Room until required to fill an order.

The most fascinating portion of the whole of this most interesting process was the unerring accuracy and precision of the huge printing press. As many as eleven different colours of paint may be used on its dies at one time, but few patterns require more than six colours, which happened to the number of colours in use at the time of the visit.

Before leaving the plant a short visit was paid to the Paint Room, where the various pigments were being ground in horizontal roller mills and mixed with merely sufficient oil to form a viscous mass, suitable for smearing on to the printing dies. These dies are all stamp dies, and not the roller type as used in news paper printing presses.

The main difference between Linoleum and Congoileum is that the former has a jute burlap for a base, while the latter has a cotton felt base. This felt is somewhat similar to roofing felt, but is of a far superior quality, being manufactured from selected cotton rags, from which all wool and especially all paper has been picked out, as they would cause soft spots in the felt. The same high quality of felt is used in all grades of CONGOLEUM, the difference in price being due merely in the thickness of the felt mat, the quality and the number of colours of the paint used, and in the intricacy of the pattern, which may make the correct setting of the dies very difficult.

The next trip of the Mechanical Club will be on Tuesday, January 11th, to the James Robertson Company, Ltd. Because of the coming examinations there will be no other trips until the beginning of the Second Term.

February will see the winter sports at the carnival at its height, at the Chateau Frontenac, Quebec. On the 4th and 5th the foremost speed racers in America will compete in the Canadian Indoor Speed Scating Championship for all distances and ages. Hockey, snowshoeing, bobbed racing, Skiing, will be going on every day of the month, but the outstanding event will be the Eastern International Dog Sled Derby, February 21-23, which will cover the 120 miles of the race at the rate of 40 miles a day. Teams from the United States and Canada will compete, and it is understood there will be a woman competitor in the race.

Two hundred and ninety-four vessels of 55,295 gross tons and 42,223 net tons, were built in Canada and registered during the year 1925, according to the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Wood vessels built consisted of 140 sailing, 9 steam and 132 motor, and metal vessels of 5 sailing and 8 steam. Of the total tonnage 21,448 was attributable to British Columbia, 11,250 tons to Ontario, 7,670 tons to Quebec and 2,102 to Nova Scotia.

United States settlers continue to cross the border in large numbers despite the intensification of the season. November figures issued by the Department of Immigration and Colonization show that the Government Agency at Fargo, N.D., forwarded 123 settlers and seven cars of effects, compared with 105 settlers and four cars in the same month last year. The Kansas City Agency sent 46 settlers, as compared with four last year and the Detroit Agency sent sixty, an increase of over 200 per cent. over November, 1925.

The recent snowfalls have directed attention, earlier than usual, to the coming Dog Derby—the 1927 Eastern International Dog-Sled Derby—which is to be run off at Quebec City on February 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Six entries have been received so far: H. Chevrete, who will carry the colors of The Paquet Co., Ltd.; an Ontario Paper Co. entry; H. I. Sutton, of Chicago, two Price Brothers entries, and P. J. Molloy of Berlin, New Hampshire. Such is the line-up to date, about twenty entries being expected.

Shelk: Do you know the difference between a bathtub and a parlor?

Sheba: No!

Shelk: Gosh! Where do you entertain your friends?

—Ex.

Red And White Revue Notes

Rehearsals for the choruses, singers, solo dancers and skit castes are scheduled to begin during the last week in January.

In order that everything will get under way with despatch the casting for the complete show is to be accomplished by next Friday. This will enable all who are writing mid-term examinations to proceed with their academic work without interference of Revue preparations.

Following is the schedule for the casting of the various characters, and chorus parts, and all are requested to keep these dates in mind as positively no other arrangements can be made for tardy individuals:

MONDAY:
All those desiring to compete for singing parts of any kind at all, both men and women, must be in the music room of the Union promptly at five o'clock for a try-out. It is suggested that each person bring a sheet of song music with them to expedite matters.

TUESDAY:
Five o'clock. Casting of all female parts for the skits.

WEDNESDAY:
Five o'clock. Casting of all male parts for the skits.

THURSDAY:
Five o'clock in the R.V.C. gym, chorus try-outs will be held for the last time.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS ALL

By Emma Sink (Camp Scribe)

Oh gladsome day, oh merriment,
Of cool clear nights, and days well spent,
With songs of joy we beckon all
To come to Awelolawala.

We swim each stream, we ride each trail,
We play at tennis, watch the quail,
And when our day of sport is through
We write to tell of it to you.

So come to camp, and give a cheer,
For though we have no use for beer
We have our fun in a good clean way,
To all that's fine we point the way.

So if you want to lead the life
That would make of you a dandy wife
To some fine man who loves his "ma",
Then come, I pray, to Awelolawala. —Ex.

BOOK REVIEWING

The Lowest Form of Mental Inactivity
By Thomas L. Masson

Every young man who wishes to make a great success in life has, unfortunately, got to start somewhere. In these days, so rapid is the pace, we have to save our brains as much as possible. Nothing is better for this purpose than book reviewing. I know most of the leading book reviewers in the world, and when I want to get a complete rest and change of scene, without brainwork, I select one of these gentlemen and associate with him. After living with a book reviewer for a few days the feeblest idea you have is a masterpiece of the intellect.

All book reviewers are paid by the mile. After they have written enough book reviews to measure a mile, a conference is held and if the book reviews have sold any of the books, the book reviewer then has his name mentioned favorably in the Publishers' Weekly. Six months later he receives a check for one dollar and thirty cents.

The first thing to do, if you wish to become a book reviewer, is to call on a leading publisher whose books you propose to review. Ask him if he intends to get out anything good within the next year. If he says in reply that he has never met Michael Arlen, do not be discouraged. Tell him to get Pola Negri to write her memoirs. After thus setting this matter on a firm and lasting foundation, then call on the literary editor. All literary editors now come from Yale. Chances are that they have either been president, or janitor of the Sheffield Scientific School, it matters not which or how. If you are a fairly handsome and even abnormally unintelligent book reviewer, he will stare at you a moment, and then exclaim: "Young man, you intrigue me!"

Friendly relations having thus been established, the literary editor will exclaim in a hearty voice: "Can you write like John Jones of the Herald-Tribune?"

Do not be fooled by this simplicity. He really wants you to say that you cannot write like John Jones, but like H. L. Mencken.

"I am an American Mercury satellite," you will reply with a vivid blush.

The literary editor will then hand you a book on the apostolic succession.

"Blaspheme this!" he will order.

"Shall I take it home?"

"By all means. We load all the heavy stuff on the book reviewers. All the light novels we give to our own families."

This will give you a start as a book reviewer. You will not read these books yourself—as a reviewer—unless you buy them. All book reviewers review novels by reading the reviews about them of other book reviewers. In cases where a book reviewer has not yet learned to read himself, he has

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the reviews of the other reviewers read aloud to him by his aunt.

After you have been a book reviewer for ten or twelve years, you will acquire a literary reputation. You will then marry a woman who can support you, and sit next to Fannie Hurst at Author's League banquets. —Ex.

CO-ED

By A. K. Laing

She hasn't much above the ears;
But notice what she has got below them

Her knees put Venus in arrears.
And she is not afraid to show them.

She thinks Rosetti and Millais
Are, like as not, a pair of Greeks.
But servants put their thoughts away
To listen to her when she speaks.

She prates about sororities,
And cabarets, and Sunset Beach,
And junior class maporkites.

Yet rippling silver fills her speech,
Supple and lithe, an elfin tibia,
Cliches run rampant in her chatter.

She obviously is a nitwit;
But does it matter.

Turkish tobacco, grown in Alberta, is better than that grown in Turkey or Greece, according to a Mr. Baker here, who grew 1,000 pounds as an experiment this season. He plotted out three-quarters of an acre to ten varieties of tobacco seed. The crop was harvested ripe before the coming of frost and of the ten varieties Turkish, White Barley and Orinoco thrived best.

Notices

Notices must be legibly written on one side of the paper only and must be in the McGill Daily office before eight o'clock on the night previous to publication. Brevity is essential. Under no circumstances will notices be accepted over the telephone.

PLAYERS CLUB

An executive meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 10th in Strathcona Hall at 5 p.m.

All members are asked to watch the Daily columns for further notice regarding a general meeting.

ARTS' CLASS PRESIDENTS

Please elect a representative from your class for the Arts Dinner Committee, and hand in the name of your representative to Jack Duckworth immediately.

PICTURES

The presidents or secretaries of all college clubs and societies are requested to determine suitable hours for having their clubs photographed. Appearances with the photographer may be made by telephoning H. B. MacCarthy at Plat. 0354.

It is important that all these pictures be taken right away.

SOCCER PICTURE

The proofs of the pictures taken before Christmas can be seen at Mr. Hay Finlay's office, 756 University St. All players are asked to return equipment to the above address at once.

JUNIOR HOCKEY PRACTICE

All Juniors turn out tonight at 5—6.

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p.m. in the Hollow Rink, as the Junior Team is playing Huntington Town team in Huntington tomorrow night at 8 p.m. The men going to Huntington will get further details at practice tonight.

SWIMMING

McGill hours at the Knights of Columbus Tank are:
Mon., Wed., Fri., 5.30—6.45
Tues., 2.30—6.30
Thurs., 5.30—6.30.

INDOOR RIFLE CLUB

There will be a practice shoot this Saturday. Spoon shoots will be held in the near future.

FREEMASONS

The regular meeting of University Lodge No. 84 G.R.Q. will be held in the Masonic Temple, 347 Dorchester St. W., on Saturday, Jan. 8th at 7.30 p.m. The second degree will be worked. All masons at McGill are cordially invited to attend.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST

A small black fountain pen in the Medical Building shortly before the Christmas holidays. Will the finder please leave it with the Hall Porter.

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